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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masatoshi TAKAHASHI et al.

Intl. Appln. No.: PCT/JP02/08757

Intl. Filing Date: 29 August 2002

U.S. Appln. No.: 10/521,553

For: SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING DEVICE AND IC CARD

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REQUEST TO VACATE NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Attn: Mail Stop PCT, DO/EO/US

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Notification of Abandonment mailed March 29, 2007, be vacated. The Notification indicates that Applicants failed to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed July 26, 2005. Applicants presume that the Notification intended to refer additionally to the Notification of Defective Response mailed August 4, 2006, which a set a one-month period for response. The one-month period expired on September 4, 2006, which was a Federal holiday

(Labor Day). Accordingly, a Reply to the Notification of Defective Response was due on September 5, 2006.

Attached to this request are copies of the following items: (i) Applicants' Reply to Notification of Defective Response, (ii) Applicants' Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report, and (iii) the date-stamped postcard receipt evidencing the timely filing of items (i) and (ii) on September 5, 2006.

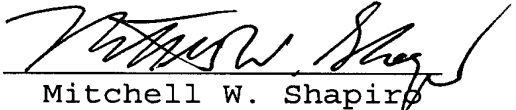
In view of the foregoing items, it is apparent that the Applicants in fact timely replied to the Notification of Missing Requirements (more particularly, the Notification of Defective Response), and that the holding of abandonment is therefore in error.

As the originals of items (i) and (ii) were evidently misplaced by the Office, it is respectfully requested that the accompanying copies be entered and that the Notification of Abandonment be vacated accordingly.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in

connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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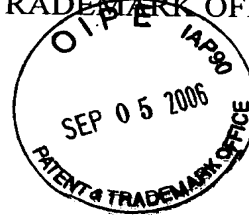
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Attached: Reply to Notification of Defective Response with copy of
Notification and translation of original claims;
Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report
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TRANSMITTAL OF INTERNATIONAL
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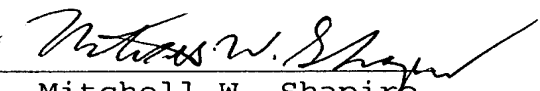
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Sir:

An English translation of the International Preliminary
Examination Report from the underlying PCT application is
submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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Attn: Mail Stop PCT, DO/EO/US

Sir:

In reply to the Notification of Defective Response
mailed August 4, 2006 (copy attached), submitted herewith
is a translation of the original claims.

Also submitted herewith is an English translation of
the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Confirming the recent telephone discussions with Ms.
Karen Williams, of the DO/EO/US, it is understood that the
previously submitted translation of claims is actually a
translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary

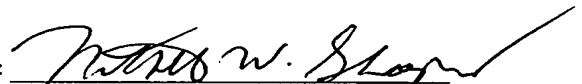
Examination Report. It is respectfully requested that the translation of the Annexes be entered for the purposes of Examination in the U.S. national stage.

The undersigned greatly appreciates Ms. Williams' assistance in this matter and apologizes for any inconvenience to the Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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